

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1272

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sergeant Mike Weathers,
Tennessee Army National Guard, for his
outstanding and distinguished military career.

WHEREAS, the this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize members of the armed forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mike Weathers of the Tennessee Army National Guard is one such outstanding individual who has served this Nation in both peace and war with great valor, professionalism, and dedication to duty, earning a much-deserved retirement earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, drafted into the Army in 1970, Mike Weathers served with the courage and conviction of a true patriot in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne from 1971-1972; and

WHEREAS, again answering duty's call, Sgt. Weathers spent 1975 in the reserves and later enlisted in the Army National Guard, joining the 1-181st Field Artillery Battalion in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mike Weathers rendered sterling service in Desert Storm in 1991, and while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008, he completed a lifetime goal of finishing his high school education, receiving his diploma in the combat zone; and

WHEREAS, his retirement comes after nearly three decades of service in the Tennessee Army National Guard, and, from his unique vantage point, Sgt. Weathers was able to witness the weapons systems change from hand-fed artillery pulled behind jeeps to wheeled, computerized missile-firing rocket systems; and

WHEREAS, the last Vietnam veteran actively serving in the Chattanooga-based 1-181st Field Artillery Battalion, Mike Weathers's friendship and counsel are highly valued by those soldiers who were fortunate to serve with him; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished military career of Sgt. Weathers can only be categorized as outstanding, and his courage and competence are unquestioned; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Sergeant Mike Weathers on his outstanding career with the Tennessee Army National Guard, praise him for his dedication to his country, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.